

Buist Academy

103 Calhoun Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Grades	K-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	460 Students	
Principal	Shawntay White	843-724-7750
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Board Chair	Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats	843-529-2457

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Excellent	Excellent
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located

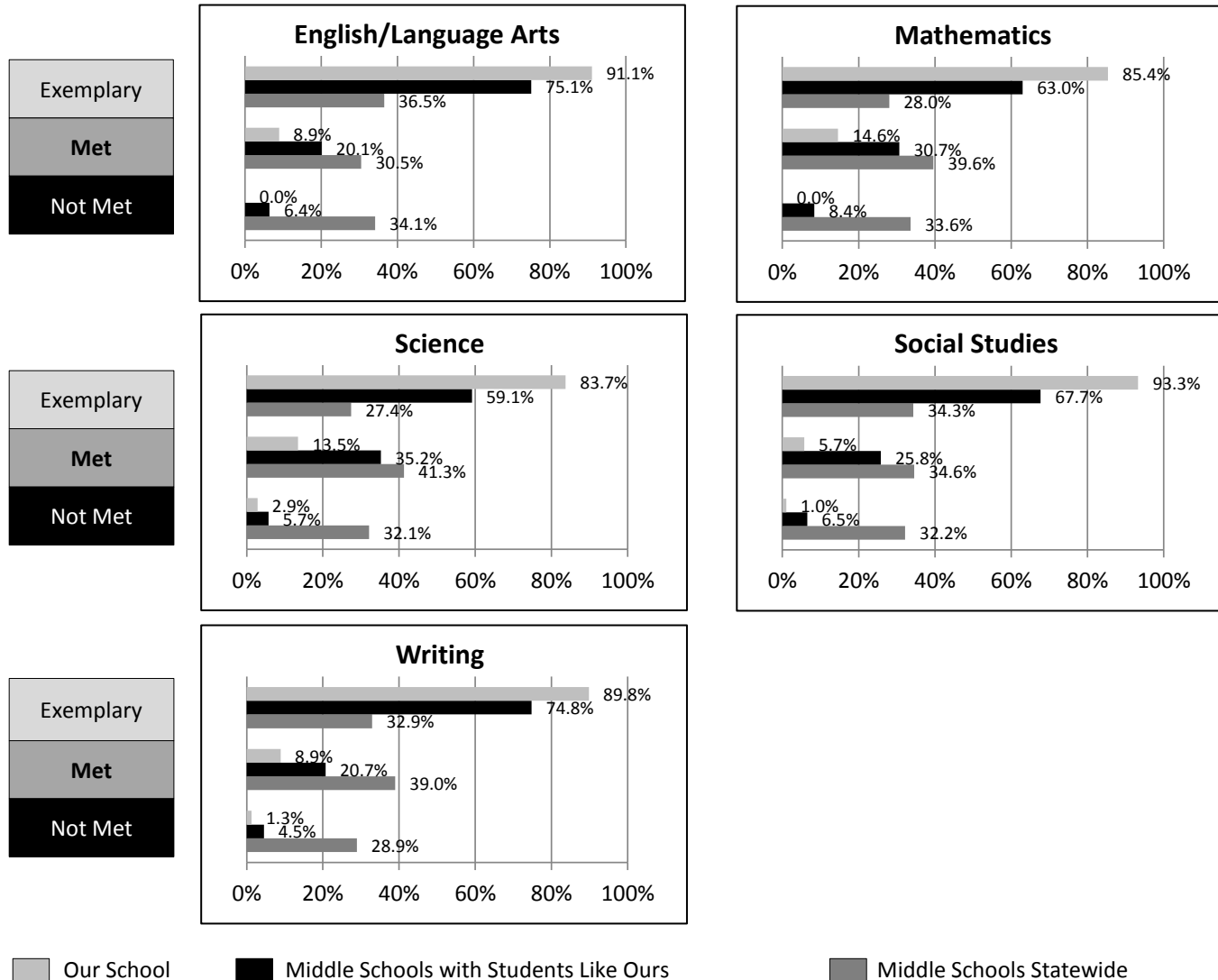
97.3%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
4	0	0	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n = 460)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	48.6%	Up from 47.1%	46.9%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.0%	No change	0.2%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	97.7%	Up from 97.1%	97.7%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	51.3%	Up from 51.1%	44.4%	19.4%
With disabilities	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	6.6%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	No change	0.1%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	0.0%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 31)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.5%	Down from 73.3%	67.1%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	87.1%	Down from 96.7%	71.9%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.1%	Up from 87.2%	88.9%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Up from 93.7%	95.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,799	Down 1.1%	\$47,619	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	8.1 days	Up from 8.0 days	8.6 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	5.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.2 to 1	Up from 22.2 to 1	23.3 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.6%	Up from 90.0%	91.6%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No change	No	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.6%	100.0%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,699	Up 12.7%	\$7,879	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.8%	Up from 61.0%	62.7%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.3%	Up from 61.0%	62.1%	61.3%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0%	100.0%
English 1	N/A	100.0%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	100.0%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Buist Academy for Advanced Studies is a kindergarten through eighth grade academic magnet International Baccalaureate World School. The mission of Buist Academy is to educate students in a challenging environment that emphasizes academic excellence and promotes respect for individual differences. Students acquire knowledge, skills and attributes necessary to take action in their local and global community.☐

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Last year, Buist Academy returned to downtown Charleston moving into a newly constructed state-of-the-art-facility. This move contributed to the school's unofficial theme of "There's No Place Like Home." The move and transition into a new building presented faculty and staff with many challenges. However, the community feel and positive support systems established throughout the school enabled a smooth transition for students and new families.☐

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The International Baccalaureate Programme continues to have a positive impact on all stakeholders. The faculty includes three IB trainers who are called upon to conduct workshops and evaluate other IB schools. Teachers of the Primary Years Programme revised and created new units of inquiry. All parents from kindergarten through fifth grade were invited to their children's summative assessment projects throughout the year. Middle school teachers explored and made revisions to unit planners, based upon the new IB Middle Years Programme, the next chapter.☐

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In February, Buist built upon the successful family literacy night held the previous year to create a family curriculum night. Buist became a personal learning school by providing all students with iPads. The faculty, staff and administration used data to develop strategic plans for continued growth and improvement. Buist received an Excellent Absolute rating on the 2013 state report card for elementary and middle grades. The Palmetto Gold Award was earned for continuing to make progress toward the state standards set for 2016. Buist received overall weighted points of 100 in both elementary and middle grades and a grade conversion of an A for the 2013 - ESEA / Federal Accountability system. Buist Academy for Advanced Studies placed 44 in The Best Schools.org top 50 middle schools in the country.☐

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Parent support and involvement remained high during the year, with hundreds of volunteer hours being given to activities inside and outside classrooms. Parents had reading circles across the campus. Third grade parents dove into the mud pit at Barrier Island. Parent mentors met with 5th grade Exhibition groups weekly. The Parent Guild had a successful Fall Festival for the children. The Foundation-Parent Guild held a successful auction in April at Memminger Auditorium. The proceeds help to support Buist Academy and sustain the IB Program.☐

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Buist Academy is an amazing child-centered environment. With the support of faculty, staff, parents and the community we will continue to excel academically. We will also continue to provide students with multiple opportunities for growth and success. ☐

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Shawntay White, Principal

Paige Thorn, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	31	47	47
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.7%	89.3%	93.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.6%	93.5%	95.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	97.9%	85.1%

* Only students at the highest middle school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	100
Overall Grade Conversion	A

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the states' expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

Buist Academy has been designated as a:

	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
	Title I Reward School for Progress - one of the schools with substantial progress in school subgroups.
	Title I Focus School - one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
	Title I Priority School - one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
X	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

		Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers		5.5	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers		10.9	7.3%
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.7%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	97.7%	94.0%*	Yes
			State
Professional qualifications of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)			61.9%
Percentage of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials			0.0%

* Or greater than last year

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SC PASS Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean*	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested
Grades 6-8							
All Students	699.1	708.8	710.5	728.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	693.6	712.8	715.8	744.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	703.8	705.5	706.5	715.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	704.3	715.0	718.9	738.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	675.7	676.8	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0

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Two Year Elementary and Middle School Grades Trend Data

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	3	39	711.4	100.0	39	693.6	100.0
	4	49	677.1	100.0	49	691.9	100.0
	5	51	696.4	100.0	51	671.4	100.0
	6	49	699.3	100.0	49	699.5	100.0
	7	47	685.8	100.0	47	690.5	100.0
	8	42	705.5	100.0	42	685.4	100.0
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	19	655.2	100.0	20	724.4	100.0
	4	49	669.3	100.0	49	713.0	100.0
	5	26	685.8	100.0	25	705.7	100.0
	6	24	684.8	100.0	25	725.9	100.0
	7	47	700.6	100.0	47	714.1	100.0
	8	21	707.1	100.0	21	734.3	100.0

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	50	721.7	100.0	50	706.1	100.0
	4	49	698.8	100.0	49	709.1	100.0
	5	54	691.8	100.0	54	694.0	100.0
	6	54	705.3	100.0	54	704.0	100.0
	7	52	699.3	100.0	52	717.2	100.0
	8	51	692.5	100.0	51	705.3	100.0
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	25	680.3	100.0	25	697.5	100.0
	4	49	692.0	100.0	49	744.0	100.0
	5	27	669.6	100.0	27	691.6	100.0
	6	27	678.1	100.0	27	737.3	100.0
	7	52	717.2	100.0	52	712.3	100.0
	8	25	731.6	100.0	26	751.0	100.0

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NOTE: Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District)							4/27/2015	1001094
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	649.8	650.2	631.4	653.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	645.0	651.2	632.0	655.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Female	655.0	649.1	630.7	651.6	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
White	679.5	684.6	664.1	683.4	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	621.0	614.6	597.3	623.9	99.6	99.8	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	679.0	697.7	668.6	682.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	626.4	631.0	613.1	638.2	100.0	99.9	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	593.7	588.8	578.8	605.4	98.9	99.5	99.6	N/A
Limited English Proficient	624.2	630.5	610.5	634.9	100.0	99.9	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	623.4	619.8	602.6	626.7	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	635.0	642.3	641.9	645.6	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	628.2	641.1	640.6	649.3	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	642.1	643.5	643.3	641.6	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	666.5	673.9	675.3	676.1	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	602.4	607.9	606.3	612.4	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.6	695.7	685.8	688.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	614.7	627.1	622.0	631.9	99.6	99.6	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	571.8	583.6	581.4	593.4	99.4	99.5	99.4	N/A
Limited English Proficient	610.7	628.2	618.9	632.0	99.7	99.7	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	606.1	612.3	610.6	616.4	99.8	99.8	99.9	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	234.2	228.4	86.1	77.4	99.0	98.9	100.0	80.4
Male	230.7	229.0	86.0	78.2	98.6	98.4	100.0	74.3
Female	237.6	227.7	86.1	76.5	99.3	99.4	100.0	86.6
White	246.8	243.6	92.4	81.6	99.4	99.4	100.0	88.5
African American	218.9	208.8	77.5	71.7	98.4	98.3	100.0	71.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	243.0	253.4	92.2	85.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	86.2
Hispanic	225.8	221.6	80.7	74.7	100.0	99.4	100.0	74.4
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	204.5	196.4	71.0	68.4	97.6	96.9	100.0	34.7
Limited English Proficient	215.6	214.6	76.8	71.7	100.0	99.1	100.0	73.3
Subsidized Meals	219.5	210.5	78.0	72.0	98.6	98.5	100.0	70.7
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)							4/27/2015	1001094
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	659.5	662.7	644.4	659.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	622.3	617.3	601.2	624.1	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.9	686.6	655.9	673.4	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Hispanic	631.7	634.6	614.5	636.5	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	642.1	640.4	627.1	641.8	99.7	99.9	99.5	N/A
With Disabilities	599.3	596.5	587.6	609.2	98.9	99.5	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.2	638.6	615.0	638.1	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.7	625.2	609.4	628.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Migrant	608.2	615.1	590.4	623.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	627.8	632.2	634.7	637.4	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Male	620.6	630.1	634.4	639.8	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Female	635.4	634.3	635.0	634.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	644.3	647.7	652.3	652.3	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	604.3	608.5	608.9	615.2	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.5	680.2	673.0	677.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Hispanic	617.3	625.4	625.0	630.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	629.4	631.2	637.2	638.3	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
With Disabilities	574.5	584.3	584.9	592.8	99.4	99.4	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	612.5	625.8	622.5	629.8	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.0	614.6	616.3	619.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Migrant	586.4	606.8	600.8	607.7	98.2	98.2	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.3	222.6	81.8	74.9	98.7	98.7	100.0	80.0
Male	225.6	222.4	81.8	75.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	75.7
Female	233.2	222.9	81.9	74.0	99.2	99.1	100.0	84.5
White	235.9	230.8	86.1	78.1	99.0	98.9	100.0	82.8
African American	219.6	209.6	75.2	69.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	76.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	240.2	245.8	89.4	80.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	88.0
Hispanic	225.1	219.4	79.5	73.5	98.9	99.0	100.0	76.9
American Indian/Alaskan	228.8	220.3	81.9	77.2	98.9	99.3	100.0	74.3
With Disabilities	204.3	196.5	68.4	66.2	96.6	96.5	100.0	43.2
Limited English Proficient	218.0	214.7	76.6	71.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	73.4
Subsidized Meals	221.1	212.6	76.8	70.8	98.3	98.2	100.0	72.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.5
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



Reading - Grade 8 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 8 (2013)



Key

NSLP National school lunch program

SD Student with disabilities

ELL English language learner

NAEP National Association of Education Progress

	SD Participation Rate	ELL Participation Rate
Reading, Grade 4	89.0%	96.0%
Reading, Grade 8	85.0%	96.0%
Mathematics, Grade 4	93.0%	99.0%
Mathematics, Grade 8	90.0%	95.0%

Our School

Number of recently arrived ELL students exempted from ELA in state assessments

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